

CELEBRATING THE ROCK ISLAND
ARSENAL'S 160TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Rock Island Arsenal's 160th Anniversary. The Rock Island Arsenal is a major Army installation and a home to more than 80 organizations that provide important products and services to our Armed Forces. The arsenal is a prominent employer in the Rock Island area with over 6,000 military, civilian and contractor personnel.

The Rock Island Arsenal was established in 1862 by an Act of Congress, with a mission to deliver base support and enhance readiness for a globally-responsive Army. Major Charles P. Kingsbury was the first Commanding Officer of the Rock Island Arsenal and during his tenure he located and designed three buildings for the arsenal. The second officer to command the arsenal was Brevet Brigadier General Thomas J. Rodman, also called the "Father of Rock Island Arsenal," who redesigned the arsenal on a much grander scale. After his passing in 1871, Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Flagler oversaw the construction of much of the arsenal buildings.

It is because of vital organizations such as the Rock Island Arsenal that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally celebrate the Rock Island Arsenal's 160th Anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF DR. MAUDA L. MONGER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of a remarkable individual, Dr. Mauda L. Monger.

Dr. Mauda Monger is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics/Business Administrations from Tougaloo College, and a master's degree in Public Health, Health Policy & Management, and most recently, her doctoral degree in Higher Education Leadership from Jackson State University. With more than 16 years of experience in HIV/AIDS, Monger has presented on both the local and national level. Her experience spans technical assistance and curriculum development and facilitation. Her presentation style is both personable and innovative with a structure that is focused on eliminating health disparities.

Dr. Monger has provided training to health care professionals in various settings to include primary care, Ryan White, federally qualified health centers and social services. Her key areas of focus are to build effective relationships between community and clinical partners while developing trainings that are comprehensive and informative while developing regional and national partners in getting Mississippi to reduce the number of persons infected with HIV and increase retention in care and viral suppression.

Communities of special focus include women, persons of color, specifically African Americans and marginalized communities to include persons who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and/or Transgender. Her passionate and data-focused style of education reinforces her goal ensuring the clinical community recognizes how stigma and social determinants of health impact access to care, thus the importance of creating welcoming and inclusive clinical environments. She is author and co-author on numerous papers, abstracts and has presented extensively on HIV prevention, social determinants of health, special populations, HIV stigma.

In addition to her current, ongoing responsibilities, Monger is an active alumnus of Lanier High School's Health Initiative and board President OurTime Adult Day Care, Inc.

In 2014, Dr. Monger founded The SHE Project, a mentoring/community service program; focused to build young African American women to be leaders in the community. She is driven by the mantra "To whom much is given, much is required". It's in this space that Dr. Monger provides a roadmap to women seeking to achieve their personal and professional goals.

When she is not educating, mentoring, or speaking, Dr. Monger enjoys journaling, traveling and just a lazy day on the beach.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Mauda L. Monger.

EMILY GRACE KING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emily Grace King for receiving the 2021 Young Professional of the Year Award by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Young Professional of the Year Award recognizes an Arvada young professional under the age of 40 whose leadership and dedication have positively impacted their community.

Emily is the Gallery Exhibition Manager at the Arvada Center for Arts & Humanities. In addition, she ensures equitable access to art through Art Drop Arvada and her work on the Arvada Arts and Culture Commission. Emily embodies a leadership style that is rooted in collaboration, sharing, and working to help uplift others.

Congratulations again to Emily Grace King on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for her contributions to our community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVID WARE, A
DEVOUT CHRISTIAN BUSINESS-
MAN AND BROTHER BELOVED

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the Almighty God has called to his eternal rest our friend and brother Mr. David Ware; and

Whereas, David was a delightful, well-balanced individual, blessed with high intellect, a humanitarian spirit, a great work ethic, a high energy level and love for humanity; and

Whereas, David never forgot his roots and spent a great deal of time in and around the community where he grew up and went to school, especially Farragut, where he, my wife Vera, Heavy Weight Boxing Champion Ernie Terrell, our good friend Frank Lipscomb and Howard Saffold, a founder of the Afro Patrolmen's League were school mates. I always knew David to be a man of principle, he was a good man, creative, always had an idea, a new venture, he contributed to my political campaign efforts, and I am sure to others as well. David was a connector and kept me abreast of his church activities, as a matter of fact it was, he who introduced me to his Pastor and her husband, he took us to lunch, and paid for it. The bible says that the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.

I am so grateful that the Good Lord blessed me to know the Good Man, David Ware and my family and I extend our heart-felt condolences to this wife, family, and friends.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
ARTHUR CLEVELAND HESTER

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. Arthur "Art" Cleveland Hester. Mr. Hester led an accomplished life, serving his nation during a time of war, and influencing the next generation. He leaves behind a large family and community that will miss him greatly.

Mr. Hester was dedicated to serving this nation diligently throughout his life, and this is well exemplified by his military service. After graduating The United States Military Academy with a degree in mechanical engineering, Mr. Hester served two campaigns in Vietnam where he was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. He earned several commendations for his service, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. But of course, he was most proud of his time as an Airborne Ranger. After returning to the United States, he received a master's degree in Finance from New York University and a master's degree in industrial engineering from Stanford University. When he retired from active duty in 1981, he became a reservist in the Army and began working at the General Motors Fairfax Assembly Plant in Kansas City, Kansas. He would devote much of his career to automotive manufacturing, working in plants across the country as a manager and supervisor. Even when he eventually left GM in 1998, he continued to work in automotive manufacturing as a founding partner of engineering firm CHB and as a program manager who provided technical support to automotive and manufacturing organizations.

Mr. Hester was generous with his time, often choosing to help mentor young people at his church and in his local community. I will always be grateful to Mr. Hester for serving on

my office's Academy Nominations Panel, where he helped evaluate and advise local academy candidates that were interested in serving their country as he had. His perspective was unique and highly valued; I will sincerely miss his wit, empathy, and candor.

Mr. Hester leaves behind a large legacy of service, compassion, and dedication that all Americans can admire.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROMOTING HEALTHIER LIFELONG IMPROVEMENTS IN FOOD AND EXERCISE ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Promoting Healthier Lifelong Improvements in Food and Exercise Act of 2022, or the LIFE Act, which would authorize a national initiative to combat a major health problem in the United States that cannot be remedied through the health care system alone. Increasing rates of overweight and obesity are found among Americans of every age, race and major demographic group, and threaten the health of Americans like no other condition or disease. In fact, the key to eliminating many of the most serious health conditions is not only to reduce overweight and obesity, but also to encourage exercise of all kinds.

This bill would provide \$25 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a coordinated national effort to reverse increasingly sedentary lifestyles and diets that are high in fat and sugar. Specifically, this bill would require the CDC to establish the first national strategy to combat the overweight and obesity epidemic. The CDC, either directly or through grants to states and local organizations, would train health professionals to recognize the signs of overweight and obesity early in order to educate Americans about proper nutrition and regular exercise; conduct public education campaigns about how to recognize and address overweight and obesity; and develop intervention strategies for use in everyday life, such as in the workplace and community settings.

The National Survey of Children's Health found that 16.2 percent of children ages 10 to 17 had obesity in 2019–2020. The CDC National Center for Health Statistics reports that Type 2 Diabetes, once considered an adult disease, is now widespread among children. The rising cost of the health care system, including insurance premiums, reflects this epidemic. Today, chronic diseases, many of which are caused or exacerbated by overweight and obesity, account for 70 percent of all deaths in the U.S. and 75 percent of U.S. medical care costs, according to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. A focused national health initiative would provide guidance to state and local governments to engage in similar programs.

A national focus could lead to changes, such as greater participation in high school physical education classes, which dropped from 42 percent in 1991 to 23 percent in 2020, according to the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System. Changes in nutrition are equally

critical because more than half of all young people consume too much fat, a factor in the increase of overweight youth. Data also show an increase in unhealthy eating habits for adults and no change in physical activity.

To cite an example of the need for action, the District of Columbia is one of the fittest cities in the U.S., according to a 2019 study by the American College of Sports Medicine, yet, even here, obesity continues to be a severe problem. Approximately one-fifth of District residents are considered obese. Most of the obesity epidemic is exercise- and food-related.

I urge support for this important bill to mobilize the country before entirely preventable health conditions, which often begin in childhood, overwhelm the Nation's health care system.

PEYTON DUPLESSIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Peyton Duplessis for his creative and unique photograph, earning him the top photography award in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

As a participant in the art show and student at Wheat Ridge High School, Peyton created a work of art entitled, "Beyond the Glass". The artwork uses digital photography and is meant to show the reflection of an eye through a glass.

Peyton spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine his photography skills and education in the arts. I appreciate his participation in the competition and the support provided by his teachers at Wheat Ridge High School.

Congratulations to Peyton Duplessis for his hard work and participation in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain he will exhibit the same dedication and character in his future accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck going forward.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON REEVE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of George Washington Reeve. George was a great man who worked hard for everything he earned in life. He grew up poor with a single mom. His first job was sweeping shop fronts. He had to work at a gas station to pay for college. He was a landscaper.

Living the American dream is an overused phrase. But I cannot help but use that phrase with George. George moved up from landscaper to Vice President at the Del Webb Corporation in a period of only six years.

And it was in the completion of the little things—small tasks that are often overlooked that led to George's professional break. The owner of the company, Mr. Webb, made an off-hand comment on a possible improvement for the property. By the next day, George had

implemented the suggestion. He was not even asked. He just did it. We should all learn a lesson from George that the competent fulfillment of our daily duties can lead to human success, but more importantly—and as a man of faith also, I know George is nodding his head in heaven—God sees and appreciates all our small efforts no matter how things turn out.

George went on to found a very successful real estate company, George W. Reeve Enterprises. The diligence, care, and competence George placed in his professional work overflowed into his personal life. George mentored a whole host of people seeking real estate experience. What they got was way more than just professional knowledge. They were exposed to the kindness and thoughtfulness of a man who cared more about their personal happiness than anything else.

George started the George W. Reeve Foundation for the purpose of teaching children to share his love of nature. George was very close to his children, Renee and Derek, as well as his grandson Hadden and granddaughter Tatum.

George built a chapel on his lonely, beautiful ranch in Cornville, AZ, where he spent so much time. Through all the business of his life, George never forgot to honor God, who he appreciated and saw in nature. To Renee, Derek, Hadden, and Tatum, I know your father and grandfather is watching over you. I hope his children and grandchildren especially remember him when life gets tough and those little duties become so hard. I hope they take a moment and step outside when it especially hurts, and remember their dad and grandfather in the nature he loved so much. God Bless them all.

RECOGNIZING GUAM'S STARGAZERS DANCE TROUPE AS THEY CELEBRATE 30 YEARS IN THE DANCE INDUSTRY

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Guam's Stargazers Dance Troupe for their extraordinary talents, awarded performances, and continued commitment as ambassadors of our island community. I would like to further congratulate Mr. Mark Gonzales for thirty years of leadership in fostering the talents, skills, and passions of rising Guam dancers through his company.

As a young freshman in high school, Mark's passion for dance fueled his desire to invest in himself and others. When the original founder of Stargazers was faced with the choice to permanently close its doors, Mark committed to re-establishing the dance group and promoting its growth in 1992. With humble beginnings traced back to rehearsals in Mark's garage and on Guam's beaches, the company has dramatically emerged as a vital force in our dance and larger island communities. In addition to hosting countless company productions and workshops for the public to enjoy, our people have had the opportunity to witness a wide range of performances from the group at local festivals and other events held in places like the Guam Premier Outlets, Micronesia Mall, and Agana Shopping Center.